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SUBJECT: SENTENCES AFFIRMED AGAINST 10 KIM DAE JUNG ASSOCIATES
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1. (U) IN TWO SEPARATE CASES, THE HIGHER COURTS HAVE UPHELD SENTENCES AGAINST 10 ASSOCIATES OF KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG), INCLUDING KIM'S BROTHER AND SON. THE PRESS ON APRIL 16 REPORTED THAT THE SUPREME COURT, RULING TWO DAYS PREVIOUSLY, UPHELD CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCES AGAINST NINE OF KIM'S FOLLOWERS WHO WERE CHARGED WITH HOLDING UNAUTHORIZED MEETINGS IN THE PERIOD RIGHT AFTER THE OCTOBER 1979 PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSINATION. IN ANOTHER CASE, AN APRIL 17 NEWS STORY REPORTS THAT THE SEOUL APPELLATE COURT ON APRIL 16 CONFIRMED AN 18-MONTH SENTENCE AGAINST KIM'S FORMER PRESS SECRETARY WHO WAS CONVICTED OF RUMORMONGERING.
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3. (C) DETAILS:
- A. ILLEGAL-MEETINGS CASE: TEN PERSONS WERE
- CONVICTED ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1980, FOR HOLDING ILLEGAL
- MEETINGS (REF. A). ONE DEFENDANT, FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN
- SON JOO HANG (M-R: SON CHU-HANG), GOT A PRISON
- SENTENCE, BUT HIS SENTENCE WAS SUSPENDED AND HE WAS
- RELEASED SOMETIME BETWEEN DECEMBER 23, 1980, AND
- MARCH 3, 1981; HIS SENTENCE WAS COMPLETELY REMITTED IN
- THE MARCH 3 AMNESTY (REF. B). THE OTHER NINE
- DEFENDANTS ARE LISTED BELOW WITH THEIR ORIGINAL
- SENTENCES (IN PARENTHESES), AND THEIR PRESENT
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- SENTENCES, FOLLOWING APPEAL AND CONFIRMATION BY THE
- SUPREME COURT ON APRIL 14:
- -- KIM EONG-IL (M-R), 33, KIM'S ELDEST SON, 4 YEARS),
- 3 YEARS
- -- BAN YUN-SIK (M-R), 39, (4 YEARS), 3 YEARS
- -- KIM OK-TU (M-R), 43, (4 YEARS), 3 YEARS
- -- HAHN HWA GAHP (M-R: HAN HWA-KAP), (4 YEARS), 3 YEARS
- -- O TAE-YONG (M-R), 40, (3 YEARS), 18 MONTHS
- -- KWON HYOK-CH'UNG (M-R), 36, (3 YEARS), 18 MONTHS
- -- PAK SONG-CH'OL (M-R), 55, KIM'S CHIEF BODYGUARD,
- (3 YEARS), 18 MONTHS
- -- KIM TAE-HYON (M-R), 46, KIM'S YOUNGER BROTHER,
- (3 YEARS), 18 MONTHS
- -- CHUN T'AE-YOL (M-R), 42, (3 YEARS), 18 MONTHS
- B. KIM DAE JUNG'S FORMER PRESS AIDE, YI HYOP (M-R),
- HAD HIS 2-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR RUMORMONGERING CUT
- TO 18 MONTHS. YI WAS CHARGED WITH SAYING THAT THE
- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING
- ON THE ROK TO RELEASE KIM DAE JUNG IMMEDIATELY.
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